

House Resolution 1441

By: Representative Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and recognizing its 2010  
2 annual meeting in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) is a national  
4 organization dedicated to representing the interests of electric cooperatives and the  
5 consumers they serve; and

6 WHEREAS, this year's annual convention will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center  
7 in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 14-17, 2010; and

8 WHEREAS, this event marks the first time Atlanta has served as host to the NRECA's annual  
9 convention since 1977 and is expected to have an \$8 million economic impact on this state;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, in attendance at this important convention will be 10,000 electric cooperative  
12 directors, managers, and employees who represent 900 electric cooperatives in 48 states and  
13 400 million consumers nation-wide; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia is a most appropriate site for the NRECA's annual convention as it is  
15 home to Warm Springs, where 75 years ago Franklin Delano Roosevelt conceived the idea  
16 for the Rural Electrification Administration while receiving treatment for polio in 1935; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia has the largest number of electric cooperative member-owners in the  
18 nation and has the nation's largest generation cooperative, Oglethorpe Power Corporation;  
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20 WHEREAS, Georgia was home to important members of NRECA's history, including  
21 founding general counsel, the late "Judge" Robert D. Tisinger of Carrollton; the first NRECA  
22 board chairman, the late Steve Tate from the Amicalola EMC of Tate; and electrification

23 pioneers the late "Mr. R.E.A." Walter Harrison of Millen and the late Mr. Roy Richards of  
24 Carrollton; and

25 WHEREAS, visitors to the convention will experience Atlanta's dining, attractions, shopping,  
26 music, and nightlife, and the State of Georgia is proud to serve as host to such an important  
27 event.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body recognize the outstanding accomplishments and dedication of the  
30 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and welcome its members to Atlanta for  
31 their 2010 convention.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the National Rural Electric  
34 Cooperative Association.